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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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Meeting held in

Uppsala, Sweden

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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Executive Committee Meeting - Uppsala, July 1968

PRESENT:

Presidents: Archbishop Iakovos
Dr. David Moses
Dr. Martin Niemöller
Mr. Charles Parlin

Officers: Principal Dr. J.R. Chandran
Dr. Ernest A. Payne
Dr. Eugene Carson Blake

Members: Prof. C.C. Baëta
Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri
Prof. Dr. H. Berkhof
Dr. Kathleen Bliss
Dr. Alford Carleton
Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren
Prof. J.L. Hromadka
Mr. J.V. Taune
Dr. Ivy Chou
Bishop Hanns Lilje
Metropolitan Nikodim
Archbishop Frank Woods

Consultants: Sir Kenneth Grubb
Metropolitan Emilianos
Bishop Vladimir

Staff: Rev.P. Abrecht
Mrs. C. Browne-Mayers
Rev. Victor Hayward
Rev. Albert van den Heuvel
Rev. Ernst Lange
Mr. A. Dominique Micheli
Prof. Nikos A. Nissiotis
Dr. O. Frederick Nolde
Mr. Frank Northam
Rev. Philip Potter
Dr. F.L. Smith
Rev. Jens J. Thomsen
Dr. L. Vischer

Various staff members were present for discussion on separate items

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Reports mentioned under separate items and not included in Appendices can be found reproduced in the Report of the Fourth Assembly.

1. Opening Actions

The Chairman, Dr. Ernest A. Payne, opening the meeting in worship, led members of the Committee in a tribute to Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Chairman of the Central and Executive Committees, who had died very suddenly just prior to the present meeting. The Committee remembered him and his family in silence. Dr. Payne, in his tribute to Dr. Fry, said that they had lost a notable leader; one who had contributed very greatly to the World Council; and of whom the best memory would be the quality of his service.

Prayers were also led by Dr. Moses and Dr. Hromadka at other sessions.

2. Roll Call

The General Secretary called the roll and noted that the following were not able to be present:

Archbishop of Canterbury
Mr. J. Irwin Miller
His Eminence Iakovos of Philadelphia
Dr. Akanu Ibiam

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Geneva, 22 - 23 February, 1968, had been circulated. The Committee's attention was drawn to the following omission:

Minute 14, page 25, "Applications for Membership", under (i) there should be added

United Congregational Church of South Africa

The omission was noted and the minutes were ADOPTED.

4. Report of the General Secretary

Dr. Eugene C. Blake gave an informal report to the Committee. He had been shocked and saddened by the death of Dr. Fry, with whom he had worked ecumenically for many years and who had given him such strong support since his election as General Secretary. He also reported the deaths of Dr. Norman Baugher, a Central Committee member and Prof. Z.K. Matthews, Chairman of the Assembly Nominations Committee. The latter, together with the death of Dr. Fry, had increased the burden for those planning the Assembly. However, he and the staff had appreciated the vigour and precision with which Dr. Payne had assumed his new responsibilities and the way in which he had quickly responded to their questions.

During the period since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, the major preoccupation of the staff had been in connection with the preparations for the Assembly. He praised particularly the planning of Mr. Victor Hayward (responsible for Assembly programme) and Mr.Jens J. Thomsen (co-ordinating the administrative aspects).

Dr. Blake reported on the various visits he had made during the last four months. He stressed the importance of his representing and projecting the image of the World Council to the member churches in their own countries. He had been to the United States, Bulgaria and Russia and spoke of the warm welcome he had received on his visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul. He referred particularly to his visit to Athens and his talks with Archbishop Ieronymous. As the Committee would recall, a press report from the last meeting of the Executive Committee regarding the situation in the country at that time had been somewhat distorted and had not been well received by the Church of Greece. Shortly afterwards, it had been announced that, due to the strained feeling between the Governments of Greece and Sweden, and due to "inadmissible" actions of the World Council Executive Committee, the Church of Greece would not be sending a delegation to Uppsala. Dr. Nissiotis since that time had been keeping closely in touch with the situation. Dr. Blake had waited under advice until the time was ripe for him to seek modification of the Greek Church's (diplomatic) withdrawal. In the discussions he had had with the Archbishop, it had been agreed and confirmed by the Holy Synod that a small delegation should come to the Assembly. The Committee later recommended that the General Secretary's letter to Archbishop Ieronymous containing the four points of assurance should be recorded. The letter is as follows:

1. The Officers of the World Council of Churches, as well as the Church in Sweden, would regret very much the absence of the Church of Greece, one of the founders of the Council.

2. If, despite all assurances there should be any indignity to the delegation of the Church of Greece or to any other delegation, all the member churches would stand in complete solidarity with them.

3. Brotherly concern from the basis of the Gospel and proper international concern for humanity, rather than unwarranted interference, are basic motives for any resolution with regard to any country.

4. The World Council needs at this stage of the development of the ecumenical movement the full theological strength of Orthodoxy to which the Greek Church has always had a central place.

Unfortunately, Greek press had given an entirely inaccurat report of their discussions and Dr. Blake intended to write a letter of correction to Archbishop Ieronymous reiterating the above four points.

The General Secretary also mentioned recent visits he had made to the WACB Assembly in Oslo, the dedication of the new cathedral in Cairo and the C.C.I.A. meeting in Kungälv, a report on which the Committee would receive from Sir Kenneth Grubb and Dr. Nolde later in the meeting. Dr. Blake also referred to the acquisition of the property adjoining the Ecumenical Centre and of a gift which had been received of $ 250,000 for use over a five year period which would assist in fuller attendance at meetings of committee members who would otherwise not be able to attend. He spoke at some length of the reorganisation within the Division of Ecumenical Action and the Division of Studies.

Finally, Dr. Blake spoke of the increasingly dynamic relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. Fast development and co-operation could be seen in the work of the Joint Working Group. In the field of society, development and peace, if the Assembly approved and finance could be found, the Roman Catholic Church would be willing to move forward in a joint world-wide campaign of study and education for peace.

In the discussion which followed the General Secretary's report, the Committee agreed on the following action:-

(i) that a memorial minute to Dr. Fry should be recorded in the Minutes of the Central Committee.

(ii) that a message be sent to Mrs. Fry from the Assembly.

(iii) that a formal expression of deep gratitude should be sent to COEMAR of the United Presbyterian Church for the aforementioned gift when it had been received and its manner of use agreed upon.

5. Executive Committee's Report to the Central Committee

It was agreed that no formal report would be given to the Central Committee but that the Committee's attention would be drawn to specific items on the agenda which had been forwarded to them on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

6. Applications for membership

Mr. Dominique Micheli presented applications for membership in the World Council of Churches to the Executive Committee. After discussion, the Committee AGREED

(i) to recommend to the Central Committee that the application of the Moravian Church Eastern Province in in South Africa be submitted to the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches for action in accordance with the Rules,

the above being subject to official clearance by the Moravian Church (South Africa) already listed as a member church before presentation to the Central Committee.

(ii) to recommend to the Central Committee that application of the Methodist Church in Cuba be submitted to the Fourth Assembly for admission as an associated member of the World Council of Churches.

Mr. Micheli also drew the Committee's attention to two points:

(a) that the Council of Churches in Malaya and Singapore had applied to become a Council in association with the Council. The Central Committee having at an earlier date extended an invitation to this Council a communication has been sent to them, indicating that their letter would be regarded as acceptance of the Central Committee's invitation.

(b) an application had been received from the newly-formed Ecumenical Council in Yugoslavia to become a council in association with the World Council of Churches. In view of the fact that this council had just been formed, an invitation should be extended by the Central Committee to them before they could be accepted. The Committee AGREED

to recommend to the Central Committee that an invitation be extended to the Ecumenical Council in Yugoslavia to become a council in association with the World Council of Churches.

In general discussion which followed, Dr. Berkhof expressed fears that as some church structures allowed a member church to sub-divide that this might severely affect the membership of the World Council. Dr. Blake assured him that staff took every precaution and did not encourage such action. However, the whole question of membership and balance of representation at an Assembly, particularly with regard to the one third percentage of lay representation laid down in the Constitution which was not evident in the present Assembly, would have to be one of those items considered by the Structure Committee post-Uppsala.

7. Central Committee Agenda

The agenda for the Central Committee, 2nd and 3rd July 1968, was presented for the Executive Committee's approval. The Committee accepted the agenda for their information.

8. Fourth Assembly matters

Mr. Jens Thomsen drew the Committee's attention to copies of the "Who's Who" which were in their possession and which gave the most up-to-date position as to attendance at the Assembly. The Committee noted with regret that delegations from the D.D.R. would not be as full as had been hoped because members had not been allowed the necessary exit visas and that no news had been received from Burma.

Mr. Thomsen also asked the Committee to look most carefully at the "Hand-Book" which gave full details of the Assembly.

9. Programme of the Assembly

Mr. Victor Hayward referred to the Procession to the Cathedral at the opening of the Assembly on 4th July 1968. It had been decided that the procession should be led by the Presidents, followed by the members of the Executive Committee and representatives of the Host Committee. The delegates would follow behind in the same alphabetical order as in the "Who's Who".

It was also agreed that an invitation be extended to the youth participants to participate in the procession.

At a later session, Dr. Payne reported to the Committee that he had consulted the youth participants and told the Committee that he had received a motion signed by the Chairman of the Youth Conference which read as follows:-

> " on Wednesday evening, after the invitation of the Executive Committee, the Youth Conference will decide on their participation."

In view of the circumstances, the Executive Committee sent the following message to the Youth Conference, signed by Dr. Blake and Dr. Payne:

"The Executive Committee has received the resolution from the Youth Assembly regarding possible participation in the procession preceding the Opening Service of the Assembly.

It regrets that the difficulties involved in making arrangements for this Service make it impossible to wait until Wednesday evening before the decision is taken. In the circumstances, the Executive Committee is of the opinion that the original decision that only delegates should be included in the procession must stand."

Mr. Hayward also referred to the "Hand-Book" in which a complete account of the Assembly programme was given. He pointed out and explained the new aspects of the programme that had emerged since the last Executive Committee meeting. He then presented a plan for chairmanship of the different general and business sessions of the Assembly. To this the Committee gave their approval.

10. Business Agenda of the Fourth Assembly

Mr. Hayward drew the Committee's attention to Rule 11 of the Rules of Debate and Procedure:

"If any member desires to propose a motion not on the agenda, he shall be permitted to have his motion read. A vote shall be immediately taken as to whether or not his motion shall be included in the agenda."

and to the following recommendation which was adopted at New Delhi:

"For the more logical ordering and better timing of the business of the Assembly, and in order to facilitate the collation of similar resolutions, delegates are urged to give notice to the Business Committee of any resolution they desire to have brought to the Assembly. Ordinarily the presiding officer will not allow the reading of the resolution until it has been examined by the Business Committee, but this will not prevent a delegate from having his resolution read at an appropriate time later."

It was AGREED that the General Secretary should make a similar motion.

It was also AGREED that the Structure Committee Report, Revision of C.C.I.A. Constitution and Joint WCC/RCC Working Group Reports should be distributed at the third business session, that the General Secretary should explain how they would be handled (by Policy Reference Committee I) and that questions would then be in order but not discussion. The Agenda was ADOPTED.

11. Assembly Business Committee (Appendix I)

Mr. Hayward presented the Committee with the suggested composition of the Assembly Business Committee. Fears were expressed by the Committee that the number of members might be too large for the efficient working of the committee. However, after discussion, the Committee approved the list subject to any changes ex officio which might arise.

12. Assembly Special Committees

Mr. Hayward presented list of suggested membership of the various special Committees of the Assembly, and reported the changes in officers of other Assembly Committees necessitated since the Executive Committee last met. The following decisions were then taken:

1. Assembly Committee on the Department of Communication

that Rev. James Kennedy be Secretary, since Dean Contos cannot attend.

2. Assembly Special Committees

Worship Committee	- that Archimandrite J.W. Rinne replace Dean Contos
Message Committee	- that Dr. Karoly Toth become an additional member
	that Mrs. Wallace be invited to replace Mrs. Aagaard
	that a delegate (preferably Scandinavian) may perhaps be included.
Credentials Committee	- membership was agreed
Nominations Committee	- it was agreed to invite Bishop Chiu Ban-It to become Chairman of the Committee

At this point during the discussion, a ruling was requested regarding eligibility for nomination of the members of the Nominations Committee themselves. The Chairman ruled:

that trust must be placed in the deliberations of the Nominations Committee, and that if a list were produced containing one or more names of persons on the Nominations Committee, then reliance must be placed upon that Committee's impartial judgment.

Policy Reference Committee I	- Dr. Nissiotis to advise as to which of the four man delegation from the Greek Orthodox Church should replace Prof. Bratsiotis. Bishop Wicke to replace Bishop Ensley. Additions: Prof. O.C. Myklebust Mr. William P. Thompson
Policy Reference Committee II	- Metropolitan Ignatius to replace Mr. A. Laham. Additions: Archbishop Josefson Metropolitan Emilianos
Finance Committee	- Dr. Payne asked for someone else in addition to the Earl of March to be on the Finance Committee from the United Kingdom. Transfer Bishop Ensley to this Committee from Policy Reference Committee I. Mr. Lassinanti from Sweden should be added. Metropolitan Nikodim recommended the addition of Mr. Boris Koudinkin and Archbishop Iakovos requested that one of the Greek delegation be included in the membership.

The full list of Committees as they served in the Assembly may be found in the Assembly minutes.

13. Amendments to W.C.C. Constitution and Rules

Mr. Hayward reminded the Committee of the amendments to the World Council Constitution and Rules which the Central Committee had already agreed at Heraklion to propose to the Assembly. These had been noted at the appropriate places in the Work Book.

He then recommended from the staff two further amendments, which were adopted as proposals to go forward to Central Committee from the Executive Committee in the following form:

Rule 3 (b) The first sentence to have the number changed to read "A quorum of the Central Committee shall be 60 voting members".

Rule VI, 1 (b) The size of Executive Committee to be correspondingly increased, by amending the words "and of 14 other members of the Central Committee" to "and of not less than 14 or more than 16 other members...".

Regarding Rule VII, 2, after careful discussion it was agreed to recommend that Central Committee propose to the Assembly the following amendments, provided they find acceptance with the Assembly Committees of the three Divisions involved:

(a) Delete the words "and the Division of Ecumenical Action" from this paragraph and suspend the operation of this paragraph, pending Central Committee action on part III of the Structure Committee's report regarding the Division of Studies.

(b) Insert new paragraph (b) -
"For the Division of Ecumenical Action, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty-five members, at least five of whom shall be members of the Central Committee."

(Note: It should be noted that while the enlargement of the Committee of the DEA calls for only 35 members as compared with a total of 65 members of the Committee of the Division and of its Departments in the period from New Delhi to Uppsala, the new plan also calls for enlarged working groups on various concerns, meeting from time to time, and will therefore no doubt involve a larger number of people directly in the work of the Division. The ensuring of geographical and confessional balance in such meetings and consultations will of course have budgetary implications.)

(c) Re-word old (b) to become new (c) -
"For the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, the Committee shall consist of not less than twenty or more than twenty-five members, two of whom shall be members of the Central Committee. Two members of the Divisional Committee shall be appointed after consultation with the officers of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism."

(d) Re-number old (c) as (d).

It was noted that the Nominations Committee of the new Central Committee should take into account these proposed changes, as it does its work.

14. C.C.I.A. Matters

Sir Kenneth Grubb introduced the report of the recent meeting of the C.C.I.A. Commission in Kungälv, Sweden.

One of the main topics before the Commission was the post-Uppsala perspectives for the C.C.I.A. Under this

heading, the United Nations, security, arms control, economic and social development, human rights and fundamental freedoms were discussed. Recommendations on the size of the post-Uppsala Commission were agreed. Relationships with the Roman Catholic Church in the field of justice and peace, including the proposed Symposium on Peace and the respective positions of the C.C.I.A. and the Secretariat of State were discussed, Roman Catholic guests being present. The Constitution and form of the new Commission had also been considered and recommendations as to membership would be passed direct to the Assembly Nominations Committee.

Sir Kenneth was particularly glad to report that the World Council of Churches was being considered for one of the Nobel Peace Prizes. Particular mention in the citation had been made of the Council's work in the relief of human suffering as well as the work of the Commission in international affairs.

Dr. Nolde then reported on the following specific items which had been under consideration by the Commission and stated that the findings would be made available as appropriate at the Assembly.

(a) Middle East

The Commission had reaffirmed the statement which had been made in Heraklion by the Central Committee. The members of the Commission deplored the fact that the situation had deteriorated both in relation to negotiations and the refugee problem and awaited the Jarring report to determine next possibilities.

(b) Nigeria

The Commission had as background information the action taken at the Executive Committee at its meeting in February and had noted the various efforts in the field of relief which had been made by DICARWS. Of particular note had been the joint statement issued by the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church in connection with the Nigerian problem. The C.C.I.A. continued contacts with the negotiations as they proceeded in London and Kampala.

(c) South Africa

The Commission had frank discussion of the present situation and sought to find alternative approaches to a solution.

(d) Vietnam

The Commission reaffirmed the action of the Central Committee at Heraklion and expressed satisfaction that the conditions there set had been sufficiently met to permit convening the official conversations at Paris. Messages were personally delivered there to the principals on the eve of the conversations. In the meantime, DICARWS were laying plans to get relief to both North and South Vietnam in case of cease-fire and C.C.I.A. was seeking to get governments and inter-governmental agencies to plan the massive programme that must go far beyond the resources of the Churches and other voluntary agencies.

Bishop Lilje raised the question of the new situation in Berlin and hoped that the C.C.I.A. had noted it. Dr. Nolde said that the Commission had received a report from one of its members that effort was being made not to exaggerate the importance of recent developments.

15. Visa for Rev. P. Chikomo: Southern Rhodesia

The C.C.I.A. Director reported that Sir Kenneth Grubb and he had conferred with the Counsellor of the Swedish Foreign Ministry - the appointment having been made through the courtesy of Archbishop Hultgren - on the problem of securing a visa for Rev. P. Chikomo. The Counsellor had discussed in a cordial atmosphere the dilemma in which his government found itself - desiring whole-heartedly to grant the visa and the feeling of obligation to comply with the Security Council's resolution which forbade it.

The case of Bishop Skelton was relatively easy in that he was apparently travelling on a British passport. It seemed doubtful that Mr. Chikomo would receive a Swedish visa. At a later session, the General Secretary and the C.C.I.A. Director reported that the Rev. P. Chikomo had been able to come to Uppsala, holding a British passport which required no visa for entrance into Sweden.

16. Report of the Joint Working Group

Dr. Vischer presented the Committee with a report which summarised the main developments since the second official report of the Joint Working Group was adopted by the Central Committee at its meeting in Heraklion.

In the discussion which ensued, the following points emerged:

1. In answer to a question about the ratio of membership of the Joint Working Group (World Council 8; Roman Catholic 6), Dr. Vischer explained that with the increasing volume of collaboration over a wider field the small representation was causing embarrassment to the Roman Catholic members of the Group. It was important also for the World Council to have on the Roman Catholic side a more complete representation of the various parts of the Curia.

2. Metropolitan Emilianos observed that there was increasing confusion about intercommunion between non-Roman Catholics and Roman Catholics. Could the Joint Working Group initiate a study on this subject? Dr. Vischer replied that the Joint Working Group was making plans to this effect.

3. Metropolitan Nikodim felt dissatisfaction on one point of the present relationship. For the Orthodox a most acute problem was the problem of Uniates. He made the following suggestion: could not the Faith and Order Commission make an effort to deal with this issue? Two meetings would have to be organised, first a meeting bringing together representatives of Orthodox and non-Chalcedonian Churches to discuss proselytism and Uniatism; a second meeting could then be organised together with the Roman Catholics so that a brotherly exchange could take place. Dr. Vischer informed him that the question of Uniates had been discussed at the consultation on proselytism. He assured him that Faith and Order would be willing to do everything possible in this respect. He felt there was great wisdom in suggesting two meetings. He suggested that Metropolitan Nikodim's recommendation be regarded as a request to look into the possibility of such meetings. This was AGREED by the Executive Committee.

4. Dr. Berkhof enquired about the progress which had been made on apostolicity. Dr. Vischer informed the Committee that three meetings had taken place and that considerable progress had been made; the findings of the Commission needed to be tested on a wider group.

5. Archbishop Iakovos, referring to the recommendations of the Joint Working Group in connection with the composition of the group, said that he hoped in point (c) that Orthodox representation on the Geneva side would be

sufficient. His comment was noted that he was reassured that this would be watched. He also expressed the hope that the representation under (b) would not be restricted to church leaders but would include also theologians and, in view of Metropolitan Nikodim's suggestion, pastors. Dr. Vischer reassured him on both points.

The Committee then gave its approval for the document to be passed to Central Committee for transmission to the Assembly for consideration by Policy Reference Committee I.

17. Report to the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches concerning the Exploratory Committee on Society, Development and Peace of the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church

Dr. Blake introduced the above report which had been made to him by Mr. Kohnstamm, Co-Chairman of the Committee. The Executive Committee after consideration recommended that the report should go to the Central Committee, along with the Report of the Joint Working Group, to be transmitted to the Policy Reference Committee I.

18. Report of the Structure Committee

Sections II and III of the above report had already been presented to the Executive Committee at its meeting in February. Dr. Blake presented Section I which was of a historical nature and which he suggested the members might scrutinise and join in any discussion in the Central Committee. The Committee, on the General Secretary's recommendation, agreed to pass the whole report to the Central Committee for transmission to Policy Reference Committee I.

19. Division of Studies

Mr. Lange gave the following report:

In accordance with the late chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, the following administrative changes were made with regard to Studies of the World Council of Churches as from the 1st June 1968 and are herewith, in view of the Fourth Assembly and its committee work, as well as of post-Uppsala procedure, submitted to the Executive Committee for approval:

(a) Study plans of several divisions and departments of the WCC, outlined in the Uppsala Work Book, converge in the field of Christian anthropology - a problem central to contemporary theology and the future of the Ecumenical Movement. Co-ordination of such anthropological studies is indispensable if optimal results are to be achieved.

(b) A full-time co-ordinator of studies of high theological qualifications will, therefore, have to be found for the post-Uppsala period, attached to the General Secretariat, co-operating with the Staff Co-ordinating and Advisory Committee on Studies and free of general administrative duties, on the basis of a programme project limited in time.

(c) In view of this necessary co-ordination of studies on problems of Christian anthropology, in which all the divisions of the WCC will share, the Division of Studies is suspended as an administrative unit until the radical study of World Council structures which is expected to be authorised by the Uppsala Assembly is completed.

(d) In the meantime the following changes are effective:

1. Studies of the different divisions of the WCC will be co-ordinated and related to each other by means of the Staff Co-ordinating and Advisory Committee on Studies.

2. The department on Church and Society is directly related to the General Secretariat.

3. The department on Studies in Mission and Evangelism is attached administratively to the Division of World Mission and Evangelism without budgetary implications.

4. The magazine "Study Encounter" will be edited as a magazine related to the Staff Co-ordinating and Advisory Committee on Studies.

(e) In view of these changes the Assembly Committee on Faith and Order, Church and Society and on Studies in Mission and Evangelism, listed in the Work Book as "sub-committees" of the Division of Studies will function like independent committees and report directly to the Assembly. They will form, however, a nucleus committee on the problems of the "humanum study" (anthropological study) and on other questions relating to the suspended Division of Studies which in turn will report to the Assembly.

The Executive Committee endorsed the changes which had taken place and AGREED that the report should be passed to the Central Committee for approval.

Mr. Lange also gave a background document to the "humanum" study. The Committee agreed that the papers should be passed to the Central Committee with the recommendation that they be transmitted to the Assembly for discussion in the committees concerned.

20. Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service

A proposal was made by Mrs. Browne-Mayers for enlarging the membership of the Divisional Committee. Her recommendation was ADOPTED by the Executive Committee and was incorporated in the amendments to the Rules to be considered by the Central Committee (minute 13).

21. Division of World Mission and Evangelism

Mr. Potter asked the Committee to consider the following changes in connection with the Committees of the Division:

(a) Theological Education Fund

Bishop Hans Harms had resigned from the membership of the T.E.F. and it was suggested that Bishop Gerhard Heintze be invited to take his place.

After consideration the Committee agreed

to recommend to the new Central Committee that Bishop Heintze, subject to his agreement, be a member of the Theological Education Fund.

(b) Christian Medical Commission

The Executive Committee, in February, had approved the suggested list of membership. However, there was some question of South American representation. Staff could now propose a name. The Committee after discussion agreed that the new Central Committee should be asked to give power to the new Executive Committee so that this committee in turn could empower its officers to make such an appointment.

Mr. Potter drew the Committee's attention to the newly formed World Association of Christian Communication which was the merging of two bodies, namely the World Association for Christian Broadcasting, a fraternal organisation of the World Council and the Co-ordinating Committee on Christian Broadcasting. The Committee noted the information.

22. Report of Finance Sub-Committee

The Finance Sub-Committee submitted a report designed for direct presentation by the Executive Committee to the Central Committee, since it was clear that there would not be time, during the Central Committee meeting, for a meeting of the full Finance Committee. That report was, at the request of Dr. Niemöller, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, presented by Mr. Northam.

The report, with some modifications in the light of discussion in Executive Committee, was adopted for presentation to the Central Committee and the recommendations in the report were adopted as recommendations to the Central Committee. The report as approved is reproduced in full in the Central Committee minutes.

During the discussion in the Executive Committee:

(a) In reply to a question from Dr. Payne, Mr. Northam reported that member church contributions in 1966 were very slightly below the estimated 1966 level and that the new member churches admitted in recent years were almost all making contributions, but are small churches, mostly from Asia and Africa, whose contributions cannot be large.

(b) Mr. Parlin recalled that when authority was given for operations to be conducted on the basis that a deficit not exceeding $100,000 might be incurred to the end of 1968, he had urged every effort to be made to avoid burdening the new Central Committee with a deficit from past operation. He expressed joy that the new Central Committee would now be able"to start with a clear sheet", since it was foreseen that the special contributions received and other measures would produce resources adequate to clear the deficit to the end of 1968.

(c) Dr. Blake expressed his gratification that it had been possible to purchase, as a holding measure, the property adjoining the Ecumenical Centre. He pointed out that there

is now the problem of finding within three years - and preferably at an earlier date - resources to pay off the loan contracted to make possible the purchase. Even though it is not easy, in the mood of today, to secure recognition of the need for land and buildings, it is necessary to act as responsible administrators and not only as prophets

At the proposal of Bishop Barbieri, the Executive Committee expressed with warmth and acclamation its high appreciation of the service of Dr. Niemöller as Chairman of the Finance Committee since 1961 and of the devoted attention given by him to the business of that committee.

23. Staffing Committee Report

The report of the Staffing Committee in closed session was approved and circulated to the Committee as a separate document.

24. Memorial Minute to Dr. Fry

The Executive Committee recommended to the Central Committee that the following minute be recorded in the official minutes of their proceedings:

> In deep gratitude before God, the Central Committee commends the life and services of Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, who passed away on June 6th, this year. A great leader of his own church, the Lutheran Church in America, he served the World Council of Churches since its beginning and was the Chairman of its Central Committee since the Evanston Assembly in 1954. His unique gift of leadership based on a thorough knowledge of world affairs and churches combined with a powerful simplicity in preaching and in pastoral care, made him one of the outstanding leaders of the Ecumenical Movement and one who will be greatly missed at this Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala. His memory will be blessed among Christians whose vision he directed to wider horizons.

25. Closing Actions

As it was the last meeting of the present Executive Committee before the Assembly, Dr. Payne said a few words of farewell to his fellow members on the Committee and to the staff. He said it was perhaps one of the greatest privileges to serve on the Executive Committee which was a smaller fellowship than Central Committee and in which very strong links were forged between individuals. He referred to the difficult period which they had just been through and to the severe losses from the staff and more recently in the leadership of the Council which were particularly grievous. He expressed, on behalf of the Committee, thanks to the Presidents, to staff and particularly to Dr. Blake who had taken on the responsibility of the General Secretaryship at a very difficult period. He also asked Dr. Blake to convey to staff members the Committee's appreciation for all that had been done. Dr. Blake on behalf of the staff expressed appreciation for the thoughtful words of the Committee.

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APPENDIX I

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

I. Presidents:	Archbp.of Canterbury	UK	Anglican
	Archbp. Iakovos	USA	Orthodox
	Dr. E. Ibiam	Biafra	Reformed
	Dr. D.G. Moses	India	United
	Dr. M. Niemöller	Germany	EKiD
	Mr. C.C. Parlin	USA	Methodist
Exec.Com.Members:	Dr. C.G. Baeta	Ghana	Reformed
	Bp. Barbieri	Argentina	Methodist
	Prof. H. Berkhof	Netherlands	Reformed
	Dr.Kathleen Bliss	UK	Anglican
	Dr. A. Carleton	USA	United
	Dr. J.R. Chandran	India	United
	Dr. Ivy Chou	Sarawak	Methodist
	Mr. J.V. Faune	Philipp.	United
	Prof. J.L. Hromadka	Czech.	Evang.Breth.
	Archbp. Eultgren	Sweden	Lutheran
	Bp. H. Lilje	Germany	LKiD
	Mr.J.Irwin Miller	USA	Disciples
	Metr. Nikodim	USSR	Orthodox
	Dr. E.A. Payne	UK	Baptist
	Archbp. F. Woods	Australia	Anglican

II. Chairmen of Committees on:

Policy Ref. I:	Rev. J. Huxtable	UK	Congr.
Policy Ref.II:	(Dr. J.R. Chandran)		
Nominations:	Mr. M.M. Thomas	India	Orthodox
Worship:	Provost P.C. Rodger	UK	Anglican
Press & Broadc.:	Bishop Mosley	USA	Anglican
Message:	Bishop of Bristol	UK	Anglican

III. Chairmen of Sections:

(July 4 - 13)	Dr. J.I. McCord	USA	Reformed
	Metr. L. de Mel	India	Anglican
	Dr. J. Lochman	Czech.	Reformed
	Dr. L. Raiser	Germany	Lutheran
	Prof.J.Meyendorff	USA	Orthodox
	Mrs. B. Rodhe	Sweden	Lutheran

IV. Chairmen of Committees on:

Div.of Studies:	Prof.D.M. Mathers	Canada	United
Div.of Ecum.Ac:	Bp. Chiu Ban-It	Singapore	Anglican
Div.of ICA:	Metr. T. Mar Philipos	India	Orthodox
DWME:	Dr. F. Schiotz	USA	Lutheran
C.C.I.A:	Bishop J. Sadiq	India	Anglican
Dept. of Communication:	Pfarrer U. Fick	Germany	Lutheran
Dept.of Finance:	Earl of March	UK	Anglican

V. "Such limited number of other persons as may be found necessary by the Executive Committee":

with III		with IV
4	Orthodox	4
5	Reformed	3
5	Lutheran	5
7	Anglican	9
3	Methodist	3
2	Bapt. & Brethren	2
1	Cong.	1
1	Disciples	1
4	United	5

with III		with IV
7	North America	7
10	West Europe	11
2	Scandinavia	1
3	East Europe	2
6	Asia	8
2	Africa	2
1	Latin America	1
1	Australia	1
32		33